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-- BOTH SIDES EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING MOVEMENT THIS YEAR. PRESIDENT SADAT STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MOVING RAPIDLY THIS YEAR TOWARD A SETTLEMENT ON ALL FRONTS, AND SAID THAT THE U.S. WAS THE KEY TO SUCH MOVEMENT. PRESIDENT CARTER SAID THAT THE U.S. WOULD USE ALL ITS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS IN 1977, NOTING THAT IT WOULD BE HARDER TO ACHIEVE SUCH MOVEMENT IN 1978 OR 1979.

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